

Courthouse Point Farmhouse  
CE-1057  
Near Chesapeake City  
Private

C. 1770-1810

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The 18th and early 19th century frame farmhouse has experienced dramatic exterior change with its brick sheathing, but <sup>it</sup> basically retains its exterior form. The "telescoping" plan is a common evolutionary cycle with many eastern shore structures. With this house the earlier section is the single story heavy timber frame section with exposed corner posts. The two story hall/parlor house was probably added around 1800. The interior has also experienced alterations but a large amount of late 18th century and early 19th century woodwork remains. The two first floor mantels are especially fine examples of Federal period design and craftsmanship.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

08-1057

File 290

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Courthouse Point Farm house

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1460 Courthouse Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Ches. City

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nancy H. Schreiber

Telephone #: 885-5801

STREET & NUMBER

1460 Courthouse Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 168

Folio #: 55

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

— EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
 — FAIR

— DETERIORATED  
 — RUINS  
 — UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

— UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
 — MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The farmhouse on Courthouse Point exhibits a long eventfull history of architectural change which seems to begin with a 1½ story two bay by one room timber frame house that probably dates from the third quarter of the 18th century. Added to this structure's west gable end is a 2½ story three bay by one room side hall/parlor frame house of slightly later date (1790-1810). The entire house is frame but was totally sheathed with brick in the early 1970's. Shed roof porches were added to the south side of the ~~main block~~ along with a gable roofed kitchen wing to the east end. The house is located at the end of Courthouse Point Road and faces northeast. The main gable runs northwest to southeast. The whole house rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is covered with stretcher bond brick. The steeply pitched roof has a wood shingle sheathing. All the early exterior trim has been removed or covered over when the brick sheathing took place. 6/6 sash replaced the late 19th century 2/2 sash that dated from a remodel- ed at that time. A large brick stove stack rises out of the west end and is a replacement of the earlier stack. Two four pane attic light flank the chimney as do first and second floor windows. The main entrance occupies the easternmost of three openings.

The story and a half section has lost most of its original *ext.* detail and appearance since window openings have been altered and the south and east sides are covered with additions. A tall interior end brick chimney does rise out of the east end as did the original.

The interior has also seen some rather extensive alterations also, however ~~this~~ happened in the later 19th century and the interiors have remained basically the same since that time.

The main block was partially remodeled in the late 19th century but much of the c. 1800 woodwork remains in spots. The side stair has a slightly swollen newel post with a few turnings and a simple rounded edge molding to the handrail. The balusters are rectangular and set into a closed stringer with a triangular raised panel below.

A small closet below the stair has a paneled door. A four panel door with heavy ogee molding is attached to the rear hall door frame. The door surrounds were a part of the late 19th century remodeling. The surrounds have a wide late 19th century molded profile which frame four panel door with ogee molded insets. The baseboard also has the heavy ogee curve. The parlor detailing is again late 19th century except for the ~~chimney breast~~ <sup>mantel</sup> along with raised panel side closets. The mantel is one that was taken from the second floor bedroom.

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The mantel is an elaborate example of Federal Design with a complex series of mantel shelf moldings that project in the center and at the ends of the mantel. The projections correspond with the raised frieze tablets with vertical string gougework. Fluted pilasters with molded capitals and base flank the fireplace opening and support the frieze.

The second floor is divided into two bedrooms. The west bedroom has an open fireplace but the mantel that was originally there was taken downstairs and a molded mantel surround was made for the bedroom opening. The open stair rises to the attic which has been finished off with plastered walls. A beaded board railing to the stair is found on the third floor.

The present dining room is the <sup>earlier</sup> timber frame section with exposed corner posts. It is a step lower than the previous block. The corner posts are covereded with a beaded board trim. The east end wall has the most elaborate mantel in the whole house. The form is almost exactly the same as the parlor mantel but the gougework is much more intricate. The central frieze tablet has a double arch of short gouges which are set in a field of a bit longer and staggered sets of vertical gouges. A set of small ~~concave~~ <sup>concave</sup> arches runs along the top in an imitation of swags. The end blocks have a similar format. The bed molding under the cornice and the molding above the reeded pilasters has a repeated series of sunbursts set between three vertical gouge marks.

A winder stair remains in the southeast corner with a raised four panel door. An adjacent two panel door provides access to the basement. A paneled door closet fills the space north of the chimney breast.

The basement stair provides the only access to both cellar spaces with a herringbone brick floor.

The first floor joists are hand <sup>nailed</sup>. The presence of two separate gable end sills in the middle of the house would substantiate separate building periods. The present owner also revealed exterior wall weatherboards in the hall when they removed the plaster.

The second floor to the 1½ story section has been remodeled.

Farm structures that remain include a mid 19th century barn with board and batten siding and a fieldstone foundation. There are foundations of an ice house and a 20th century cottage was built closer to the water.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Courthouse Point Farmhouse is not the only structure that has seen dramatic change during its existence. The Cecil County Courthouse was located here in the early 18th century after its removal from Ordinary Point on the Sassafras River. The court house was moved again in the fourth quarter of the 18th century to Charlestown (1782-1787) and finally to Elkton.

The 18th century farmhouse has experienced dramatic exterior change but basically retains its exterior form. The partial "telescoping" plan is a common evolutionary cycle with many structures, and the floor plans the <sup>themselves</sup> ~~issues~~ have definite English antecedents. 19th century maps document Craig Family ownership during a large portion of the 19th century. They were probably responsible for the late 19th century remodeling.

The farm was once part of Bohemia Manor.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Tuart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/24/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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COURTHOUSE POINT MRS. CRAIG 1877

CE-1057

NANCY STANTON SCHREIBER -

FIDELITY - PRIMA. TRUST CO. & THOS. T. FIRTH <sup>EX. OF</sup> SARAH M. L. FIRTH

NAS 168/55

TO  
A. T. SCHREIBER  
58.33 A.

3/12/1955  
DIED 11/20/1930

WM S. PYLE

6/23/1910

C. K. 2/256

TO  
SARAH M. L. FIRTH

4,750.00 "IT BEING OF A LARGER TRACT  
OF LAND" 72 ACRES

7/1/1957

DAVID B. MARTIN AND OTHERS

J. G. W 2/270 (EXECUTORS OF JOS. J. MARTIN)

\$ 3,000

TO  
WM S. PYLE

COURT HOUSE POINT FARM CONTAINING  
256 ACRES

MARY ANN CRAIG

3/25/1882

J A D 4/387

3,025

TO  
JOS. J. MARTIN  
256 A

THOMAS HUNES (HUNS) SUSANNA HUNES

TO

8/17/1854

H. H. M 4/164

MARY ANN CRAIG (DAUGHTER OF  
THOS. HUNES)

4,750.00  
256 A INCLUDING HERMAN'S ISLAND  
(2 ACRES)

G. MC 15/116 (442) THOS. V. OLIVER AND CAROLINE 7/5/1848 OLIVER 10/13/1848

TO  
THOS. HUMES AND SUSANNA

JAMES SEWALL 1/28/1842

WILL

TO  
CAROLINE SEWALL OLIVER

"ALL HIS FARM OR PLANTATION ~~known~~ AT  
COLLETTROUSE POINT

JS 39/390 GEORGE W. OLDHAM & SUSAN HIS WIFE 6/23/1827

TO

JAMES SEWALL

\$2000.

256 A.

PART OF A LARGER TRACT CALLED  
BOHEMIA MANOR -

JS

37/401 DECREE OF THE HIGH COURT OF 8/13/1836  
CHANCERY AND CONVEYED TO  
THE SAID GEORGE W. OLDHAM BY  
JAMES SEWALL, TRUSTEE AND JOHN  
McTAVISH AND EMILY McTAVISH FROM  
THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

1/16/1832 Chancery Court

CHAS. CARROLL OF CARROLTON - COMPLAINANT

Mary Oldham &amp; others DEFENDANTS

JAMES SEWALL, TRUSTEE AUTHORIZED TO  
SELL, A PART OF A TRACT, OR PARCEL OF  
LAND CALLED BOHEMIA MANOR CONTAINING  
1496 ACRES AND MORE PARTICULARLY  
DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF INDENTURE



FROM THE SAID CHAS. CARROLL TO  
 RICHARD BASSETT AND EDWARD OLDHAM,  
 AND DESIGNATED ON A PLAT OF  
 BURENIA MANIC AS NO. 3 AND  
 WHICH SAID PLAT IS RETURNED TO THE  
 COURT OF CHANCERY, THE SAME PROPERTY  
 HAVING BEEN MORTGAGED BY THE SAID  
 EDWARD OLDHAM, RELEASED TO THE SAID  
 CHAS. CARROLL IN BOOK 18/179 ON  
 JUNE 6, 1793

AND ALSO TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF  
 ALL THOSE SEVERAL FARMS, OR PLANTATIONS,  
 CONTAINING 1356 A AND MORE PARTICULARLY  
 DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF MORTGAGE  
 FROM MARY OLDHAM TO THE SAID  
 CHAS. CARROLL BEARING DATE JULY 29,  
 1818 (LS 15/306)

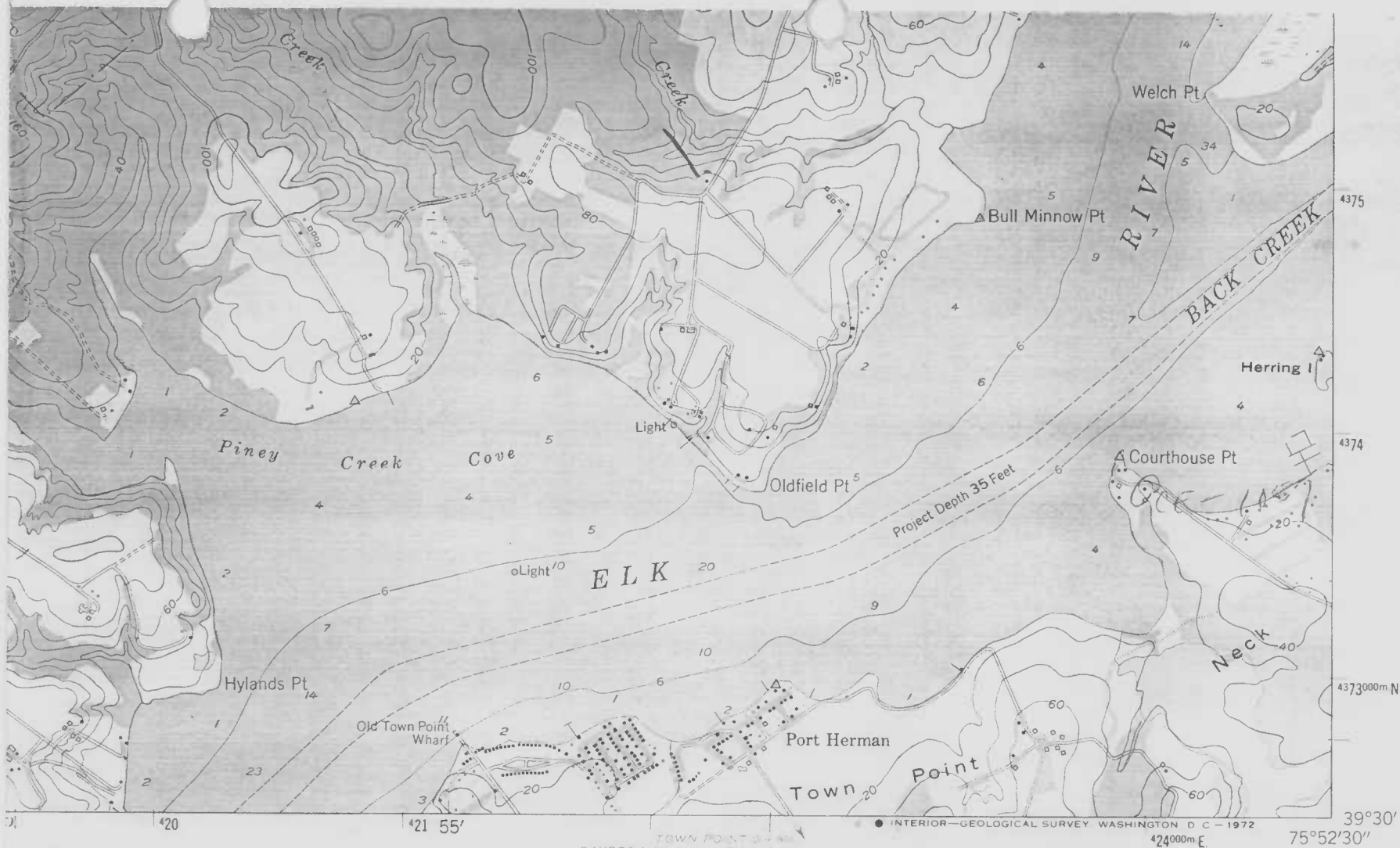
AND, IN PURSUANCE OF SAID DECREE,  
 THE SAID JAMES SEWELL, AS TRUSTEE AS  
 FORESAID, DID ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH  
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 OF, AT PUBLIC SALE TO A CERTAIN  
 RICHARD CANTON, ACTING FOR THE ATTORNEY  
 OF CHAS. CARROLL, OF CAMBLTON, THE  
 SAID TRACTS, PLANTATIONS AND PARCELS  
 DESCRIBED AND MORTGAGED BY THE  
 SAID EDWARD AND MARY OLDHAM TO THE  
 SAID CHAS. CARROLL - SOLD FOR \$8000.  
 (CITY OF ANNAPOLIS)

MARY OLDHAM INHERITED FROM HER  
 BROTHER ENSUR 1350. A AND THEN  
 MORTGAGED THE PROPERTY TO PAY A  
 DEBT TO CHAS. CARROLL (\$2271) L. AND

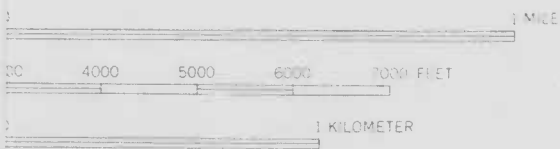
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THOSE SEVERAL FARMS OR PLANTATIONS SITUATE,  
LYING AND BEING UPON BOHEMIA MANOR

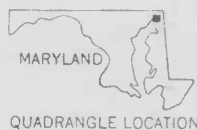
- ① ALL THAT PLANTATION OR TRACT OF  
LAND ON WHICH WM. CROW SEN. NOW  
LIVES CONTAINING 400 A
- ② ALL THAT PLANTATION ON WHICH  
ABRAHAM CUNNINGHAM NOW LIVES  
CONTAINING 250 A.
- ③ ALL THAT PLANTATION ON WHICH  
GEORGE FILLINGHAM NOW LIVES  
150 A.
- ④ ALL THAT PLANTATION OR TRACT  
OF LAND ON WHICH ROBERT PENNINGTON  
NOW LIVES 250 A



1:24000



INTERVAL 20 FEET  
IN SEA LEVEL  
FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
OF TIDE IS 2.6 FEET



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

#### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ———— Light-duty ————  
Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt ————  
U. S. Route □ State Route ○

NORTH EAST, MD.  
SW/4 ELKTON 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930—W7552.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTO REVISED 1970  
AMS 5863 III SW—SERIES V833

(CECILTON)  
5862 IV NE

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COURTHOUSE Point House

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

NEAR

CITIZENSHIP CITY, MD. CECIL

16/79 PSE NEG. MHT



Courthouse Point House

CE-1057

Northeast Elevation

NEAR

CITESADEMIL CITY, MD

CECIL

10/79

PBT

NEG. - MHT

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COWARTHOUSE POINT HOUSE

CE-1059

NORTHEAST ELEVATION OF TIMBER  
FRAME SECTION.

NEAR CITIESADEMCE CITY, MD. CECIL

10/79 PBT NEL. MHT



COURTHOUSE Point House

CE-1057

WEST PARKER MITHTEL

NK

CHESTEREAK CITY, MD.

CFCIL

16/79

PBT

NEG. MITT



COURTHOUSE Pont House  
WEST PARLOR MANTEL DETAIL  
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CE-1057

CITIZENS ARCADE CITY, MD. CECIL

16/79 PBT NEG. MITT



COURTHOUSE Point House

CE-1057

CITIZEN RAIL IN WEST PARLOR

NEAR

CITIZEN RAIL CITY, MD. CECIL

10/79 PBT NEG. MHT





Courthouse Point House

CE-1057

NEWEL POST - SIDE WALL

NEAR

CITRABENICE CITY, MD.

CELL

10/79

PBT

NEG. MHT.



COURTHOUSE POINT HOUSE

CE - 1057

~~BREAK~~ ROOM - PRESENT DINING ROOM

NEAR

CITESTADENICE CITY, MD.

PECIL

11/29

PBT

NEG. - MHT